

WRITERS' STUDIO

A coaching group for authors led by Kathy Gale

This is an opportunity for writers to join a focussed coaching group run by a leading publishing professional. The group is for writers with the potential to become published as well as published authors who want to go to the next level. Writers' Studio will help authors to develop their work, improve their chances of publication and excel in their writing career. The group will be limited to six people and will provide a mutually supportive and collaborative environment.

The group will support you to:

Develop your work and maximise your potential as a writer

Improve your chances of publication

Explore particular skills and techniques

Develop your distinctive literary voice

Create the time and space to write as well as set and adhere to deadlines

Deal with difficulties such as lapses in confidence and writer's block

Learn the requirements of agents and publishers

Analyse bestseller lists and increase your publishing awareness

Writers' Studio is led by Kathy Gale, a highly experienced and successful publishing professional and writing coach. Her specialism is knowing how to balance the application of industry knowledge with a sensitivity to the individual and what they need to thrive and grow as the writer they are becoming. During Kathy's 30-plus-year career, she has held the positions of Senior Editor at Hodder & Stoughton, Editorial Director at Pan Books, Marketing Director at Simon & Schuster, Joint Managing Director of The Women's Press and Project Director of the Quick Reads charity. She has strong contacts with leading agents and publishers.

'Just over a year [after starting to work with Kathy], I have a first draft of a book, an offer of representation from a leading agent and interest from a major publisher. None of those things would have happened without Kathy's support. I can't recommend her highly enough.' Melissa Harrison, now an acclaimed and prize-winning author of two novels published by Bloomsbury and non-fiction books by Faber & Faber as well as a columnist on *The Times*.

'I worked with Kathy Gale over many years. She is a fantastic, collaborative, intelligent, smart woman and I have had so much fun working with her.' Jackie Collins

'I have always found Kathy the most charming and professional individual to work with. She has a can-do personality that makes things happen. Those authors privileged enough to work with her found her an absolute pleasure.' Luigi Bonomi, Literary Agent

The meetings will take place fortnightly on Fridays between 10am and 1pm in Islington, North London. The price is £360 per term. Each term consists of six fortnightly meetings and all participants are required to commit to a minimum of two terms. If you would like to apply to join, you will be asked to submit a short piece of writing and to answer some questions about your work. If you and your project seem like a good fit for the group, you will be invited for an informal conversation with Kathy.

For further information, including how to apply to join the group, please contact Kathy Gale:
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